

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AND SURVEY OF
CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER, FLA.

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Mr. ELLIOTT, from the Committee on Flood Control, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10287]

The Committee on Flood Control, to which was referred H. R. 10287, authorizing preliminary examination and survey of the Caloosahatchee River in Florida, with a view to the control of floods, having duly considered same, hereby make report of it to the House with the recommendation that the same be amended as follows:

In section 2, line 1, strike out the figures "\$5,000" and insert "\$1,000," and that when the same is amended that said bill do pass.

The hearings on this bill disclosed that in the counties of Glades and Hendry, in the State of Florida, for three years in succession there have occurred very disastrous floods, involving many thousands of acres of land in those counties, and destroying standing and maturing crops of great value. In addition to this livestock has been drowned or destroyed in great numbers. The town of Moore Haven, the county seat of Glades County, and the town of La Belle, the county seat of Hendry County, have been inundated to the depth of as much as 4 feet, the waters flooding the residences and business houses to that depth, including in both instances the schools, banks, churches, courthouses, and other valuable property.

The Caloosahatchee River, which runs through that section of the country, is the main waterway, and the overflowing of that river is apparently responsible for much of the trouble. It is necessary that a proper survey be made by the Army engineers to ascertain whether some action may be taken by the Government to obviate a recurrence of this condition.

The matter seems to the committee to be one of very great urgency, in order that the survey and the necessary remedy, if there be one, shall be applied at the very earliest date, and for that reason the committee recommends that the bill be taken up immediately.

The bill as introduced provided for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the purpose of a survey, but the committee was informed by representatives of the War Department that not more than \$1,000 would be necessary to conduct this survey.

